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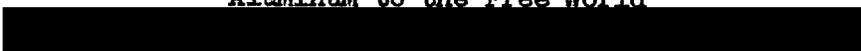
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Comments on:
Significance of Sino-Soviet Bloc Exports of Tin and
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In terms of export controls the following comments seem pertinent to this statement on Bloc exports of tin and aluminum to the Free World:

Shipments of tin to the Soviet Bloc were removed from export surveillance by COCOM as part of the 1954 general List review. Embargo to China was discontinued by most COCOM countries during 1957.

The EDAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review has recently recommended that certain classes of aluminum materials be continued on embargo and that other classes be continued under surveillance, in spite of intelligence furnished by CIA to the effect that aluminum is not and probably will not soon be in short supply in the Bloc. (See recent Fact Sheets on proposed List Numbers 1625 and 2605 and Ferrous and Nonferrous Metals and Minerals section of MP-186 for detailed statements on the Bloc aluminum position.) These statements show that a significant part of the raw materials from which the Bloc produces its aluminum is imported from the Free World. These raw materials are not now recommended for control nor have they been under control during the recent history of COCOM. There is probably no reason to attempt to place them under control at this time, however, because the Bloc probably will be able within the next few years to overcome its dependence on Free World supplies of aluminum raw materials.

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